GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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RESERVATION FOR SCS/ STS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any programme to ensure reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, Legislative Assemblies, Legislative Councils, Supreme Court and High Courts as per the percentage of their population;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

(a) to (c): The Constitution provides for reservation of seats to be filled by direct elections in the House of the People and State Legislative Assemblies for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes. The Government does not think it appropriate to extend similar reservation of seats to the Upper Houses of Legislatures.

As regards the reservation for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in the Supreme Court and High Courts, the appointment of judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts is made under Articles 124 and 217 of the Constitution of India, respectively, which do not provide for reservation for any caste or class of persons.